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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN THE COURSE OF AN INFORMAL SOCIAL CONTACT ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, WE RAISED THE ARTICLE XXIV:6
NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARTIN MORLAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT AT THE FCO. (MORLAND
WAS IN A GOOD POSITION TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO THE RIGHT
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LEVELS OF HMG, AS HE TRAVELLED TO LUXEMBOURG WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ON JUNE 24 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A BRIEFING SESSION THAT EVENING AT WHICH THE BRITISH DELEGATION WORKED OUT ITS FINAL POSITIONS FOR THE JUNE 25-26 MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL.)

2. WE ITERATED TO MORLAND (WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE) THAT WE STRONGLY HOPED THE COUNCIL WOULD AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE US ON COMPENSATION. WE STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS ADVERSE REACTION IN THE US IF THE COUNCIL TOOK NO DECISION - AND AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS ONE IF IT AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION TO HOLD TALKS WITH OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES BUT NOT WITH THE US.

3. MORLAND SAID THAT THE UK WOULD PRESS FOR A DECISION AT THE JUNE 25-26 COUNCIL THAT WOULD ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO BEGIN EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE US.

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